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SUBJECT: SAUVAGNARGUES SPEECH TO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF
COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

SUMMARY - SAUVAGNARGUES SPEECH TO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF
COUNCIL OF EUROPE OCTOBER 3 WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD ASSESSMENT OF WORK
OF COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF COUNCIL OF WHICH HE IS CURRENT
PRESIDENT AND STATEMENT OF WELLKNOWN FRENCH POSITIONS ON FINAL
ACT OF CSCE AND OF RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

SAUVAGNARGUES BRIEFLY ACKNOWLEDGED ASSEMBLY INTEREST AND WORK
IN "FINDING A JUST POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS"
AND "THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES IN PORTUGAL SO
THAT COUNTRY MAY ONE DAY TAKE ITS PLACE AMONG US..." HE REPOR-
TED THAT BECAUSE OF ASSEMBLY ACTION COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS
HAD APPROVED FRANCS 800,000 FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY COUNCIL
TO PORTUGAL IN "LEGAL MATTERS AND CRIMINOLOGY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS,
EDUCATION AND PRESS AND INFORMATION QUESTIONS". SUCH A SUM HE
SAID IS ADMITTEDLY MODEST, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN
INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED VERY GENEROUSLY.

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IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CSCE, SAUVAGNARGUES, CHARACTERIZED FINAL ACT AS AN EFFORT BY PARTICIPATING STATES "TO DRAW UP A COMMON PROGRAM WITH A VIEW TO DEEPENING DETENTE". THIS MEANS, HE SAID ELIMINATING CAUSES FOR ARMED CONFLICT THROUGH REDUCING IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLES AND ON THE OTHER HAND "TO PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG PEOPLES AND TO REDUCE THE DIVISION OF EUROPE". IN THIS CONNECTION BASKET III WHICH DEALS WITH "CONTACTS, EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND CULTURE IS PARTICULARLY WELL SUITED TO REDUCE TENSIONS, - - SINCE IT WILL DEVELOP MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES". SUCH COOPERATION SHOULD CONCERN NOT JUST STATES, BUT ALSO EXTEND TO PRIVATE ORGANISMS AND INDIVIDUALS". SAUVAGNARGUES PLEDGED THE FRENCH WOULD "SCRUPULOUSLY CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXT IN THE HOPE THAT THIS POSITION WILL BE SHARED BY ALL". SAUVAGNARGUES WAS AT PAINS TO POINT OUT THAT IT IS THROUGH "BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES THAT ONE CAN BEST PURSUE PUTTING THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT INTO ACTION". HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE ASSEMBLY'S ONLY ROLE IS TO ASSESS HOW WELL THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT ARE TRANSLATED INTO EVERY DAY REALITY". HE ALSO STATED THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS READY TO HAVE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT WITHIN THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

SAUVAGNARGUES STATED THAT THE ACUTE CONFRONTATION AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING WORLDS WHICH WAS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING 18 MONTHS AGO HAS NOW GREATLY CHANGED AND THAT FRANCE HAS SPARED NO EFFORTS TO BRING THIS ABOUT". IF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON ENERGY WHICH MET IN APRIL IN PARIS WAS SUSPENDED, IT PERMITTED US TO BEGIN A CONCRETE DIALOGUE FOR THE FIRST TIME".

THE SEVENTH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK SHOWED GREAT PROGRESS, DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES "WHICH BEFORE AND MORE THAN OTHERS" SHOWED THEIR "DESIRE OF OPENING UP TOWARDS THE REST OF THE WORLD PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". IT WAS THEIR ATTITUDE WHICH MADE THE OECD RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO DISCUSS NOT ONLY "THE PROBLEM OF ENERGY BUT ALSO OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT" AND HE ADDED MODESTLY THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF THE EUROPEANS WAS NOT WITHOUT INFLUENCE "ON THAT OF OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS". THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THESE GOOD BEGINNINGS WILL BE "THE OBJECT THE ENLARGED CONFERENCE WHICH WILL FOLLOW THE PARIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PREPARATORY MEETING" THE RESUMPTION OF WHICH IN MID OCTOBER IS GENERALLY AGREED UPON. THERE IS ALSO CONSENSUS ON "THE PROCEDURE AND ORIENTATION OF THE DISCUSSIONS".

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